

<b>OUTFITTERS &amp; GUIDES LICENSING BOARD</b>	<b>POLICY MANUAL</b>	<b>POLICY NUMBER:</b> 2018 - 2005	<b>PAGE NUMBER:</b> 1 of 1
		<b>SUBJECT:</b> Lower Salmon and Snake Boater Policy	Adopted: From Letter from BLM dated May 4, 2005. Revised: Reformatted:

#### **1.00.00      POLICY OF THE AGENCY**

There has been some concern over which activities licensed Lower Salmon River outfitters can pursue on the Snake River between the mouth of the Salmon and Heller Bar on the Snake. BLM, U.S. Forest Service (FS) Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board staff, and various outfitters have held numerous discussions to address these concerns. The BLM has worked with the IOGLB to further define authorized activities, and have agreed to the following policies, which will apply to the FS administered stretch of the Snake River from the Salmon River confluence to the HCNRA boundary:

- Float outfitters who begin their trips on the Lower Salmon River can continue to pursue the secondary activities (e.g. fishing, chukar hunting) for which they are licensed by the IOGLB and authorized by the BLM or Forest Service, so long as it is part of their primary activity, (float boating) between the Salmon River confluence and the northern HCNRA boundary ;
- A Lower Salmon River commercial power boat authorization does not permit any use of the Snake River unless that Permittee holds an authorization issued from the USFS for the Snake River.

In addition, to better address coordinated management of recreational use on the two rivers, all BLM Salmon River permittees are encouraged to avoid overnight camping within the first three miles of the Snake River below the confluence. This measure is aimed at reducing congestion in that stretch of river, and is part of the Snake River Management Plan.

The Snake River down river from the Hells Canyon National Recreation area boundary is outside jurisdiction of the BLM and the USFS Districts outfitter licensed for that lower section are able to operate without a federal permit.